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1. VASKERESZTES (P 48/C 58). Mine fields were to be laid in the border sector of VASKERESZTES by Hungarian engineer troops who arrived there from the north on 28 June 1949. Local residents stated that mines and signal rockets with trip wires attached to cause detonation and discharge, were laid in the border sector.

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2. Area west of SZOMBATHELY (P 48/C 78). The mining of the border strip west of the town had been completed by the end of June 1949. A border strip, about two thousand feet long, northwest of ALSO-GSAR (P 48/C 58) had not yet been mined. Mines as shown in Annex were laid along the border at intervals of 80 feet.

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3. BOZSOK (P 48/C 59). Two refugees who crossed the border near BOZSOK on 2 June 1949 touched a trip wire and discharged a white signal rocket which rose to an altitude of about 50 feet.

4. Comitate of ZALA. The construction of observation towers on the border sector of the ZALA Comitate was discontinued in mid-June 1949, allegedly because the construction work was systematically interrupted by rifle fire of Yugoslav border troops. The border in the ZALA Comitate was blocked by a row of wire entanglements and trip wires.

25X1A Comment: It has long been known that efforts are made in Hungary to block the Austrian border against illegal

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border traffic. The construction of wire entanglements on the Hungarian side of the border has been observed since May 1949. Newspapers of July 1949 reported that mine fields were laid along the border. Although the truth of the report cannot be tested, it is considered credible.

1 Annex: Hungarian Mines Laid along the Hungarian Border

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